

Preliminary Amendment  
Appln. No.: Based on PCT/JP2003/007910  
Q85108

**REMARKS**

Claims 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 10 have been amended, to place the claims in desired appropriate form for examination. Claims 1 and 11 are also amended in order to more clearly indicate that the group containing leukocytes and the group containing coincidence cells and platelet clumps are classified in the step (3). The support for these amendments are found in Fig. 1 and from line 22 of page 15 to line 10 of page 16 of the present specification. Thus all of the claims are now in appropriate form, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with the examination of the pending claims.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may facilitate the further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below

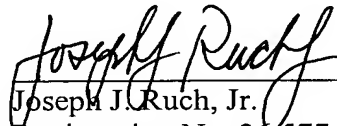
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